50X1-HUM Declassified in Part - Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2012/11/01: CIA-RDP80-00926A004200040046-3 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT INFORMATION REPORT DATE DISTR. 27 Aug 51 COUNTRY Hungary **SUBJECT** Christian Socialist Party NO. OF PAGES 1 PLACE ACQUIRED NO. OF ENCLS. DATE ACQUIRED SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. 50X1-HUM DATE OF THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 50X1-HUM The Christian Socialist Party was established immediately after the First World War. Prior to this, at the beginning of this century, there was in the city of Gyor an organization which called itself Christian Socialist, under the chairmanship of Sandor Geisswein. The same organization was in existence during the entire period of the Soviet occupation and its last president was Msgr. Josef Kosi-Horvath. This Christian Socialist Party grew out of the Christian People's Party under the leadership of Nandor Zichy, and from its successor party, the so-called Christian Party organized and led by Friedrich-Genszar. In or about 1922 a Roman Catholic priest, Sandor Geisswein, the original pioneer of the Christian political movement and known as the most thorough authority on Christian socialism, broke ranks from the Friedrich-Genszar group and organized the Christian Social Party. In the Hungarian political life this party never gained any special weight or importance. The prestige of the party was secured through the personal and public prestige of Sandor Geisswein. Following this party organization, a so-called Christian Socialist trade union was organized. The most outstanding leader of this movement was Janos Totler. The movement never gained any serious supports among the labor element since it never represented the social aspects and ambitions of the labor group and its social policies were never consequential and clearly defined. -end-

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